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Title:	SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME		

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed February 3, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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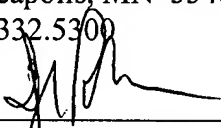
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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<div>FORM 12-49*</div> <div>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</div> <div>IN AN APPLICATION</div> <div>(Use several sheets if necessary)</div>	<div>Docket Number: 10873.1331US01</div>	<div>Application Number: 10/727,676</div>
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